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a body portion having substantially the same length as said probe end, an inner surface, an outer surface, a first flangeless end and a second end; and

a passage defined by the inner surface to receive substantially the entire length of [the] said probe end from the second end toward the first flangeless end, the passage having a first cross-sectional area proximate to the first flangeless end and a second cross-sectional area proximate to the second end, the first cross-sectional area being smaller in size than the second cross-sectional area; and

a flexible annular flange disposed on the outer surface of the body portion.

49. (Currently Amended) An ear probe tip for [the end of] a probe having a probe end with a length which can be inserted into an ear canal, the ear probe tip comprising:

a body portion having substantially the same length as said probe end an inner surface, an outer surface, a first flangeless end, and a second end, the inner surface of the body portion defining a passage configured to receive substantially the entire length of said [the] probe end from the second end toward the first flangeless end, and the passage extending and incrementally increasing in size from the first flangeless end toward the second end; and

a ring disposed on the outer surface of the body portion proximal to the second end; and

an annular flange disposed on the outer surface of the body portion.

59. (New) An ear probe tip for [the end of] a probe having a probe end with a length which can be inserted into an ear canal, the ear probe tip comprising:

a body portion defining a tapered first end and a second end and having substantially the same length as said probe end;

an inner surface of the body portion defining a passage configured to receive substantially the entire length of said [the] probe end from the second end toward the tapered first end, and the passage extending and incrementally increasing in size from the tapered first end toward the second end;

an outer surface of the body portion; and

an annular flange disposed on the outer surface.